

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 385 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, SCARNATI, VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, WHITE, STEFANO, WARD, AUMENT AND RESCHENTHALER, JUNE 6, 2016

SENATOR YAW, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 study to analyze and identify which environmental laws and
3 regulations of this Commonwealth have more stringent
4 standards than Federal law requires.

5 WHEREAS, Executive Order 1996-1, issued by the Governor on
6 February 6, 1996, provides that State agencies may not exceed
7 Federal standards unless justified by a "compelling and
8 articulable" interest or required by State law; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 6.6 of the Air Pollution Control Act
10 provides that the Environmental Quality Board may only establish
11 certain more stringent air quality standards when needed to
12 protect public health, welfare and the environment; and

13 WHEREAS, Because of the complexity and close interworking of
14 Federal and State environmental law, it is important that the
15 relationship between Federal and State environmental law and
16 regulation be examined and understood; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission conduct
18 a study to analyze and identify which environmental laws and

1 regulations of this Commonwealth have more stringent standards
2 than Federal law requires; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the commission report its findings and
4 recommendations to the General Assembly within ~~one-year~~ 18
5 MONTHS of the adoption of this resolution.

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